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FIRST BRITISH REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVE IN HAIFA America's New Air Force Jews And Arabs Agree To Another 48-Hour Truce In Jerusalem

12,441 AIRCRAFT
ENVISAGED

Washington, May 2.—A thoroughly modernised United States Air Force, with 12,441 operational aircraft and 502,000 men, is the aim of a bill which is expected to go through Congress this week.

The bill appropriates funds to finance the first instalment of a programme to enlarge the Air Force in two years from the present 50 groups to 70 adding 804 jet-fighters and 49 of the latest heavy bombers—17 of them jet-propelled—in the first year.

The House of Representatives has already approved the bill and the Senate, on the recommendation of its Appropriations Committee, is expected to do so early this week.

The Administration is not expected to offer any serious objection though Congress, thoroughly economy minded in other respects, has taken the unusual step of voting \$857 million more than the Administration had asked for. The whole programme will cost \$7,500 million—about two and a half times the present appropriations.

CONGRESS DECISION

Congress overrode the warning of Mr James Forrestal, the Defence Secretary, that to spend the extra money might impose "explosive" pressure on the country's already strained economy.

It preferred to accept the view of Mr Forrestal's subordinate, Mr Stuart Symington, the Air Secretary, that 70 modern groups by 1950 were the peace-time minimum necessary for the safety of the country.

Mr Forrestal asked only for expansion to 60 groups. The force of 70 groups will be only about a quarter of the maximum wartime air strength of the United States, but it will mean a spectacular increase over the prewar strength.

EDITORIAL

Palestine Alternatives

DEVELOPMENTS in Palestine come as no surprise, but this in no way lessens their gravity. An all-out war between Jews and Arabs is inevitable unless some strong action is taken without delay by the United Nations. The time for bandying words, exchanging protestations, and indulging in other forms of delay has passed; there can now be only one effective line of action—the despatch of armed forces and warplanes to the Holy Land to force both Jews and Arabs into a cease-fire truce that can be maintained long enough for the trusteeship plan to be put into operation. Force of circumstances are compelling British troops to be drawn into battle lines at the very moment they were being evacuated prior to surrender of the Palestine mandate. The situation is decidedly embarrassing. Britain has declared an immutable policy of withdrawal which, in the face of the Arab invasion of Northern Palestine and the belligerency of the Jewish extremists in Jerusalem, Jaffa and Haifa, becomes wholly compromised. Obligations to maintain peace and order in the Holy Land remain effective until May 15, during which period, it is becoming only too obvious, British forces can find themselves so fully engaged that it will be physically impossible to withdraw by the target date. Moreover, militarily speaking, the British position in Palestine is far from satisfactory. Many strategically placed camps have already been struck and our forces withdrawn. The situation is particularly parlous in the Jaffa and Jerusalem areas, where Irgunists are defying the cease-fire truce, probably because they are confident that the British leaders have not

a sufficiency of men and materials to impose their orders. The significance of announcement made by the British Army authorities is the admission that because of the "unwarranted aggression of the Irgun Zvai Leumi in Jaffa, the situation in Palestine has seriously deteriorated." This suggests that the Jewish extremists have obtained such important military advantages in that area as to overshadow in importance the Arab invasions from Syria. The British reply is the despatch of reinforcements of infantry, tanks, guns and marine commandos from Malta, which, while a palpably necessary success in forcing Britain into further commitments in Palestine at a time when she is preparing to be released from all responsibility. The United Nations cannot sit back and allow this to happen. Britain has mandatory duties to perform for another fortnight, but she must not be placed in a position where, because of the exigencies of the moment and the indifference of the United Nations, she has to continue bearing responsibilities after termination of the mandate. The French have advanced a proposal to form a UN police force of volunteers. The Arabs declare they will not accept the presence of such a force; but as the Arabs are seemingly intent on war, irrespective, there seems no good reason why UN should be deflected from such an action. Plainly something has to be done at Lake Success, and done quickly, if the Palestine situation is not to become wholly untenable. Trusteeship has to be invoked and if that requires force of arms, then the United Nations must not hesitate to apply it. The alternatives are too obvious to require further emphasis.

Irgun launched an attack last Sunday on the all-Arab Jaffa. Hagana, the regular Jewish militia, joined the assault later in the week. British troops stepped in and drove the Jews from a part of the territory they won, and are now enforcing a truce in the area. Associated Press.

48-HOUR TRUCE

The Jews and Arabs came to a 48-hour truce in their three-day fight for Jerusalem's Katamon quarter at 4 p.m. (Local time) today, following the personal intervention of the Palestine Government. Almost immediately several hundred more Arab families left the section to move to other quarters or out of the city.

Under the truce terms, negotiated by Sir Gurney through Brigadier C. P. Jones, Commander of the British Army Jerusalem Garrison, Jewish and Arab forces agreed to hold to lines drawn on a map by Brigadier Jones.

Sir Gurney said in a statement that the cease fire was arranged in Katamon so that negotiations could be continued for a truce over the whole of Jerusalem.

He said "if there were a genuine desire on the part of either side to reach such a truce, they must act in a reasonable spirit and not regard every shot as a breach of the ceasefire order."

Troops of the Highland Light Infantry moved into Katamon during the afternoon to enforce the truce. Armed with two pounder cannons and mortars, the infantry are in a line between the two factions.

THUNDERBOLT NEWS
The main thunderbolt to the Palestine people, Jews and Arabs, was the news made public today that "considerable reinforcement of infantry tanks, guns and marine commandos" have been sent to Palestine.

Although the Army did not disclose the exact strength of the new force, it confirmed that most of them have already arrived. The Marine Commandos of No. 42 Brigade are taking armoured strength to Haifa and at least one regiment is believed to have been shifted from Cyprus to the Jaffa-Tel Aviv area.

TANKS ON THE WAY
The Army said that the reinforcements came to Palestine because of the seriously deteriorated security situation "owing to the unwarranted aggression by Irgun Zvai Leumi at Jaffa."

I saw 34-ton Comets of the 4th Royal Tank Regiment, rumbling in long convoys across Sinai Desert toward Palestine on Saturday after-

noon during the last lap of a harrowing motor trip from the Holy City.

I counted more than 20 of the monsters armed with 77 mm cannon before losing track of them.

Supporting supply and communications vehicles formed additional impressive convoys.

THE MISSION
One junior officer told me that their mission was to protect the evacuation of British personnel from the Holy Land where British and Arab vehicles with which I was travelling on Saturday were shot up by Jews.

"I think we are going to show them we mean business," said a Tommy.

The 4th Royal Tank Regiment move into Palestine follows the opening on Thursday of the Jewish offensive to take the strategic Jerusalem residential district of Katamon.

CUNNINGHAM'S WARNING
The British Commissioner, Gen. Sir Alan Cunningham is understood to have advised the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem on Friday that if the Jews did not stop attacking "Arab territory" the British Army would be brought back into Palestine in full force. Many British Army units have moved recently to Tripoli, Libya and other destinations and the long announced date for the completion of the Army's evacuation is August 15.

If ordered to impose the truce which churchmen and United Nations officials have been urging to protect the Holy places, the Tank Regiment could probably put an end to large scale military operations between the Arabs and the Jews in Jerusalem. It is not likely, however, that it could stop the intermittent sniping and bombing which makes the Golden City a nightmare.

What effect the Regiment's presence will have on the Arab countries announced intentions to send regular armies against the Zionists soon, is a matter for conjecture. Dr. Walter Eytan, spokesman for the Jewish Agency, told me on Friday that the Jews did expect, that the British would object to the Arab states intervention. He contended that Britain was trying to create a solid Arab bloc under her control, and that she would be happy to have King Abdullah's Arab Legion in control of highways, linking British troops in Transjordan and the Suez Canal Zone.

CONVOY PROTECTION
It was the Arab Legionnaires and the British Army guards in cannon firing armoured cars who rescued the convoy of British trucks and Arab vehicles loaded with men, women and children from a Jewish ambush on Saturday morning.

Before they shelled the Jewish attackers into silence, however, the convoy had been pinned down under fire for more than two hours, and Corporal Bennett of No. 1 Company, Royal Army Service Corps, had been blown to pieces by a mortar shell.

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Royalty In Pageant



In their Garter robes at Windsor last week are here seen Princess Elizabeth as a Lady of the Order and Prince Philip as Knight Companion. It was the first time in 143 years that a full ceremonial chapter had been held.

BRITAIN'S LATEST ACHIEVEMENT

PRODUCES FIRST AUTOMOBILE GAS TURBINE ENGINE

London, May 2.—The world's first automobile gas turbine engine is now in existence—and it has been produced by Britain, the British Press Association reported today.

Following a weekend of intense activity by two of Britain's leading scientists, the Birmingham section of the British Industries Fair is to exhibit it on Monday. It was announced tonight by Patrick Johnson, executive director of the government-owned Power Jets (Research and Development) Company.

The prototype, which will revolutionise transport and industry, will be on view to the public on the smallest stand in the section. This five foot, 250 pound engine, which is the herald of the gearless clutchless and radiatorless motor car of the near future, was today taken by its inventors, R. H. Barr and Geoffrey White by lorry to Birmingham. News of its existence, which gives Britain a firm lead in the international race to get such an engine on the patent records, has come as a surprise even to the industry, for it is only a week since Mr George Strauss, the Minister of Supply, announced that British scientists were "on the verge" of producing units which would bridge the power gap from internal combustion to atomic propulsion.

HOW IT HAPPENED

This is the story of this sudden step forward as told by Johnson: "Two years ago three men who had been working with Air Commodore Frank Whittle on gas turbine development went off on their own and started as an organisation called Central Power Units, Limited," he said.

"I knew they had something under their hat, but I had no idea until Saturday morning that they had actually completed their prototype. We were intending to exhibit it at Birmingham one of the more out of the way applications of the gas turbine, when a technical colleague casually suggested that the inventors might be willing to have their engine exhibited."

The engine develops about 150-160 brake horsepower which makes it the equivalent of the modern 35 horsepower engine such as is used in a large car or bus.

"In other words, you have only to button this thing underneath the floor of a large car or lorry and forget about it."

"ABDUCTED" SOVIET COL. LATEST

Probably In U.S. Of Own Free Will

Hamburg, May 2.—The abducting Russian Lt.-Col., D. Tassojev is probably now in Washington, an informed Allied source said today.

It was revealed on Saturday that the Soviet officer on the eve of being sent back to Russia from Germany voluntarily left Bremen with a British Agent on April 23. The people most likely to know where he is—the intelligence division of the British Control Commission—were not talking.

RUSSIAN CHARGES

The Colonel's disappearance from Bremen where he headed a Soviet team, supervising reparations loadings led to official Russian charges that he had been kidnapped by American Agents.

But a reliable Allied source in a good position to know the true facts said the Colonel was introduced to a Russian speaking British Agent at his own request.

The source said the British added the Russian's flight because he had previous contact with them. "But the Americans are likely to be most interested in what he has to tell. I think he is in Washington by now," the source said.—Associated Press.

Strike-Weary Parisians

Queue Up For Trains

Paris, May 2.—Weary Parisians queued on the Metro (underground) station platforms today as a two-day strike by 1,400 underground workers continued.

In some cases they had to wait 80 minutes.

Above ground, the capital's overtaxed bus system tried to cope with the crowds and almost every bus stop had its queue.

The strikers, members of the autonomous "Traction Union," are protesting against the recent wage reclassifications. Unions affiliated to the Communist-led General Labour Confederation are not striking. They say that negotiations with the management are still possible.

The full effect of the strike did not become apparent until today. About 400 drivers of non-striking "unions" went to work today. An official statement said that almost half the trains were running.

Under the new wage proposals, the pay of a driver with under five years' experience would be cut by 1,000 francs.—Reuter

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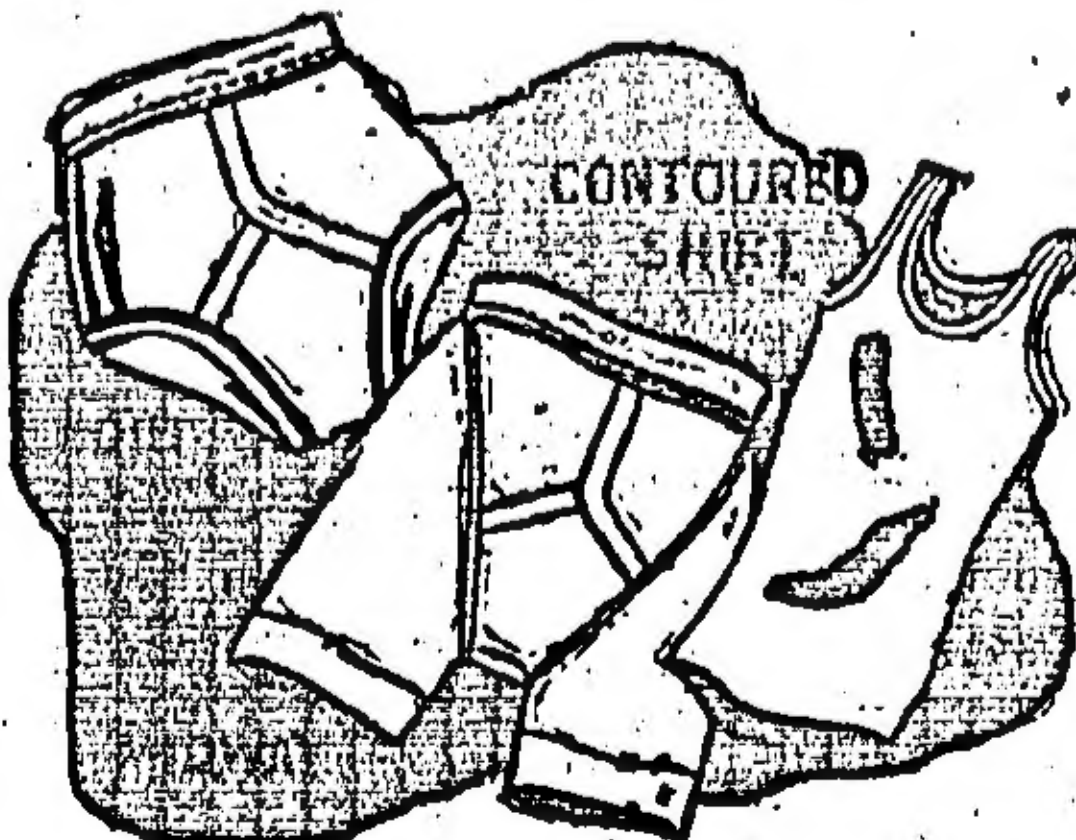
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A 150-year-old hair style made new... Designer Raymond has gone back to the days of Napoleon for his inspiration, adds a cluster of false curls at the nape of the neck, attaching them with a velvet bow.

The 'Child Who Lies And Steals

By Garry Cleveland Myers, Ph.D.

AS a rule, lying and stealing begin at home. Actually, they are one deceit. Ever so many parents are heart-broken over such problems.

Such may be the need in the following case, though I am hopeful of what the parents can do to save the boy if they will be objective about the matter.

A mother said: I have a son of 15, the oldest of my three children (the others are girls). For quite a few years he has been stealing money from us (his parents). We have whipped him, we have made him work out the money and at other times we have tried to talk to him about the seriousness of the matter. He's always sorry and promises not to do it again but he falls again, and again.

"He's so good in other ways. He'll tell me the truth every time. Helps me around the house. He delivers papers on Sunday morning and we give him some of the money to spend as he pleases. He is back two grades at school."

Takes His Punishment

"My heart bleeds over him. He looks like a little dog when it happens that we find out and takes his punishment without a word. It looks like a terrible sickness that he has. His father is a model father and husband. The whole family get along beautifully but for this dreadful disease that tears our hearts."

My advice was: "I can see how hard you have tried. But your emotions over the matter have hindered you. Since he has so many good traits you have something precious to build on. Don't talk and weep over his wrongs."

"Build on his virtues and successes. Help him to feel more worthwhile as a member of the family and lead his sisters also to do so."

"Dad may do most for him, going to games, an occasional show or fishing trip with him, taking one of his pals along, or lunching out with him now and then."

"Why not let him have all the money he earns from the papers, or increase his allowance?" "Try to find ways to help him gain more school success. Find a teacher to tutor him a few evenings a week. I hope you all have good times together at home."

Odd Facts

FORGETTING a wallet containing US\$1,000, which he had hidden in a heater oven, a man in Columbia, Pennsylvania, lighted his oven to warm his home and burned his cash.

Taking advantage of leap year, a 73-year-old woman in Tulsa, Oklahoma, advertised for a mate through a local radio station and received such prompt response that she was married five hours later.

Declaring that physique indicates personality and character, a Harvard anthropologist advises girls that the "string bean" type, the roly-poly type and the bone-and-muscle type make the best husbands.

USE YOUR HEAD IN QUEST FOR BEAUTY

... 150-year-old coiffure leads new look in hair style

From the front... the short curls, dressed fringe fashion, are only 2 or 3 in. long



ARE you so superbly satisfied with yourself that you are going on looking the same old way all through the year? Or are you going to try and look like somebody else?

In either case, a word of warning. Redheads pine for raven hair, blondes long for dark, mysterious eyes and so forth. And every impressionable young belle, at some time or other, usually tries to model herself on someone she very much admires.

The smart lady doesn't try to be anybody else. She remembers that although make-up can play lots of useful tricks, it still can't alter the shape of her face, or even her type.

So, instead of quarrelling with the face Nature provided, she sets out to accentuate her good points, camouflage the bad ones... and concentrates on becoming such an individual (instead of a weak imitation of somebody else) that other people remember HER.

PLAN STYLES

For instance, if she is the towering, tall girl, she does not wear her hair in a sky-reaching pompadour, nor, if she is cute and round, does she make her face even rounder by a series of fluffy round curls.

There are some hair styles you can play with, and have lots of fun. With the advent of the ballerina-length dancing or cocktail frock, most girls will want to sweep up their tresses at night.

If you have not the required length, sea a hairdresser about the small matter of combining a switch... it's smoothly simple.

MOTHS IN YOUR CLOSET?

GOT a moth in your closet? You can't kill the things, said the keeper of 10,000 moths at a New York testing laboratory.

"All you can do is ruin his appetite," said this fellow, who knows more about a moth than another moth does. "Be nasty to him. Maybe he'll go away."

When you take your spring suit out of the closet and the seat falls out of it, listen to his advice.

"Sure," he says. "Moths are carnivorous. Female moths lay eggs the year round. You can put three moth eggs on the head of a pin. The wool devouring larvae can crawl through a crack 4/1000 of an inch wide. What do you want to know about a moth?"

How do you make them go away?

"Well, the Roman naturalist, Pliny, suggested that you lay your clothes on the top of a coffin. He probably figured that the moth would be scared of being buried alive and scam. However, few people keep coffins round these days except undertakers."

In Middle Ages

"In the Middle Ages, Europeans believed that if you wrapped clothes in a lion's skin they were safe. The French used to put their clothes in a wooden box and throw in a handful of pine cones."

Did that work?

"Only if the box was air-tight and the clothes were clean when put inside. The same thing applies to paper bags and cedar chests now. Cedar chests, if they are lined with at least 3/4 inch of heartwood cedar, tend to discourage the appetite of any visiting moths."

Mothballs and crystals take the edge of the moth's appetite.

The day will come, he said when "Deconised" woollens may as well known as "Sanforised" cottons. Deconise is a non-toxic, non-allergic, non-inflammable, colourless, water-proof compound that can be applied to fabric and dry-cleaned 25 times without losing its effectiveness.

It is being sold now to textile manufacturers.

When applied to wool fibres, it makes a nibbling moth downright sick at the stomach.

RED RYDER

Gain or Loss?



By Fred Harman

The Right Make-Up for You



Be sure your lipstick harmonizes with the colour of your costume and take special care if you wear red. Darker shades are best for evening.

By HELEN FOLLETT

TIME was when a woman selected the colour of her clothes according to the colour of her eyes. Blondes were supposed to reveal in all shades of blue. This is a mistake: navy is good but light blues impart a washed-out look. Brunettes were keen about red; some brown-eyed duckies held to brown as a best bet. And so it went.

We know now that whatever colour flatters the complexion will have a favourable effect upon the eyes, and that the colour of the hair must be taken into consideration.

Natural Colouring

Any colour that drains away the natural colouring of the skin is fatal to good looks. If you want your skin to look grey, which of course you don't, wear a steel grey frock or coat; that will do it every time. It will be to colour-wide. Yes, and the colour of the hat means even more than that of the frock.

The shades and tones you select when you go clothes-hunting form an important element in the composition that is You. It is just as easy to find soft, flattering, becoming colours as those that are cold and characterless. Gay colours raise the spirits. A pair of red shoes will keep any woman on her toes.

A Fine Point

There is also the question of make-up that contributes much to the facial scenery. You have to figure that down to a fine point.

If you have been using a flame-coloured lipstick and put on a magenta gown, you will know at once that something will have to be done about that. Keep the bright glowing lip smear for your black formal, get a deep blue-red pigment to glorify the lines of your mouth. With a gown of solid colour that is a bit striking, it is often best to delete the commercial blushes.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Knarf Went 'Round the World

—And He Returned the Same Day—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the shadow-boy with the turned-around name, sat down next to his sister Hanid in a corner of the playground.

"What have you been doing? I haven't seen you all morning," Hanid said.

Knarf smiled. "I went to China and Japan. Then I went to a little island in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. And I almost had a basketful of things to bring home to show you, when—"

But Hanid was exclaiming: "Where did you say you were? In China? In Japan? In an island in the middle of the Pacific Ocean?"

"Yes," said Knarf. "You're kidding. It's wrong to tell stories that you know aren't true!" "Everything I said is true," insisted Knarf. "I was really in all those places."

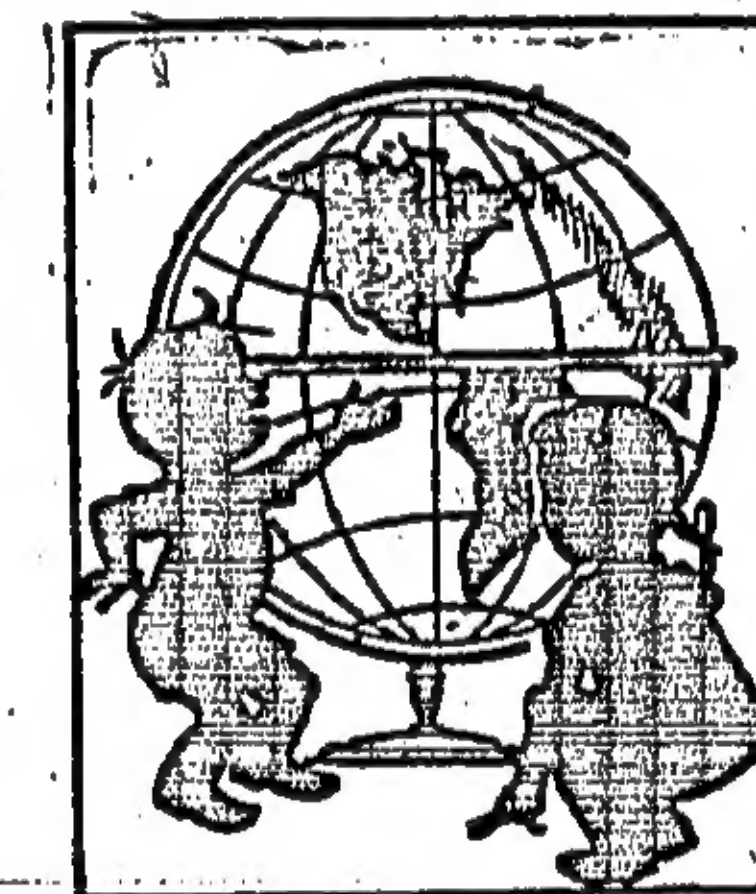
Weeks And Weeks

Hanid gazed sharply at her brother and frowned. "It takes weeks and weeks to go to China and Japan and that island in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. You've only been away part of the morning, no more than an hour. How could you go to China, to Japan and to an island in the middle of the Pacific Ocean in an hour? Just tell me that!"

In answer Knarf led Hanid into the next room—father's room—and took her over to the desk. Standing on the desk was a globe map of the whole world, with all the continents, and countries, and oceans, and rivers, and cities, and islands, and mountains on it. The globe wasn't much bigger than a large ball—but the whole world, the whole great world, was there.

Then Knarf explained to Hanid what he had done. "First," he said, "I made myself an apple as a pin. The children were all gathered around the globe, looking at it and spinning it a bit. Then, without their knowing it, I jumped onto the desk—and from the desk I jumped onto the globe. It was spinning slowly. I didn't know where I was going to come down, or in what part of the world."

"Suddenly I landed. And the minute I looked around, knew



Knarf showed Hanid how he took his trip.

where I was! I was in China!" "How did you know?" asked Hanid.

"There were Chinamen, and Chinawomen, and Chinachildren all around me!"

"Then what did you do?" "I jumped up into the air again. And when I came down I was in Japan! I knew it was Japan the minute I looked around."

"After I had seen enough of Japan, I jumped into the air again. When I came down I was on a little island in the Pacific Ocean. I knew it was the Pacific Ocean because it was all around me in whichever direction I looked."

A Fast Spin

"It might have been some other ocean," interrupted Hanid. But Knarf didn't seem to hear her. He went on:

"There were trees growing on this island. One was a coconut tree. The other was a banana tree. And there were also pineapples. So I found a basket and filled it with bananas and coconuts and pineapples, and I was about to take them back home when—"

"When, what?" Hanid asked eagerly.

"When the children gave the globe such a fast spin that the bus-bet overturned, and I went flying off the globe, right back into this room again! And that was the end of my trip!"

MAKE YOUR OWN SPACE-SAVING SHELF

By KATHERINE HOUSON

HERE'S an idea for saving space on the dressing table, and still keeping creams and powders within easy reach. Or, it will keep your desk tidy and your odds and ends right where you can find them easily.

Any wooden shelf will do, just so it is long enough to hold jars of your favourite face savers, at least four or five if you intend to use it over desk. Enamel it to match the colour scheme of your room and put up brackets over your dressing table or desk to rest it on. The difference in this shelf is that you are going to fasten the jars to the under side of it, leaving the top free for other things. That makes it a space saver on two counts!

Remove the lids from screw top jars, as many as you are going to need, and punch holes in the centre so they can be fastened to the under side of the shelf with screws. If your jars have the smart black or coloured tops so many manufacturers are using today you can screw them in place at once. If you need a coat of coloured enamel to make them more attractive, now is the time to apply it.

You can leave the jars their original white, or enamel them to harmonise with your room or give a striking colour contrast.

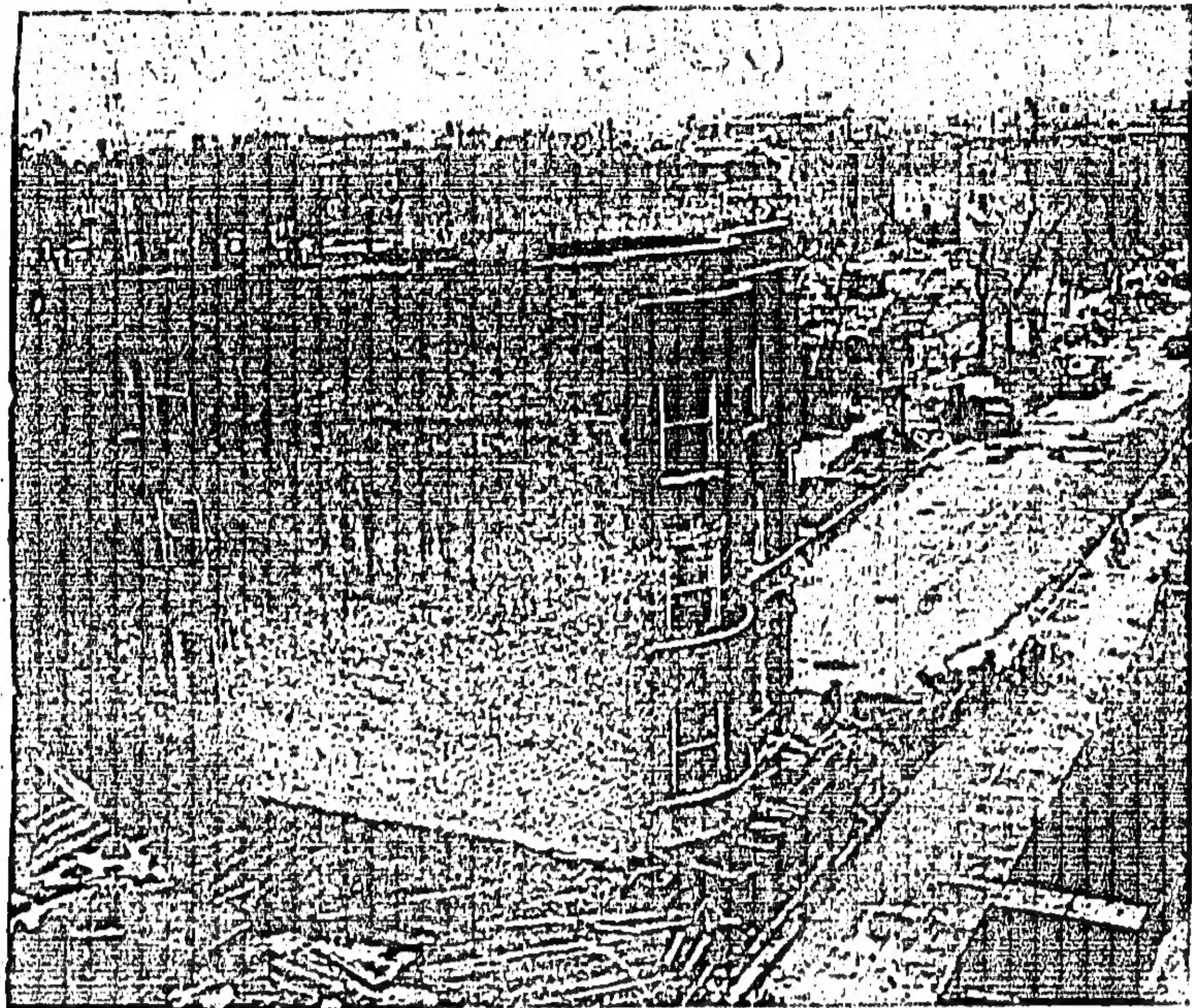
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Rupert helps Dr. Lion—27



The Wise Old Goat picks Rupert up, carries him through the blizzard and into the fortress. Then after shaking off most of the snow he hangs his cloak before the fire to dry and Rupert's coat beside it. When he is warmer the little bear explains the reason for his strange visit and how he wants to get some sunshine to help Dr. Lion cure all the sick people in Nutwood. The other listens intently, and a thoughtful look comes into his eyes. "You are a most unusual little bear," he says. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



ALL IN ONE PIECE—It was moving day in Chicago's south side, but not for tenants—just the building. Here the three-storey brick apartment structure is being moved one block to make way for a new building to be constructed on vacated and adjoining lots.



DEMONSTRATORS—Students parade through Barcelona, Spain, chanting, "Truman, No" and "Peron, Yes." The announcement that the U.S. Congress barred Spain from taking part in the Marshall Plan followed the signing of a four-year trade agreement between Spain and Argentina.



HE WAS HOMESICK—Little Arthur Falconer, Jr., of Mexico City, smiles shyly at his father after police found him wandering around Chicago streets. The boy, having arrived several days before in the Windy City to live with his dad, was attempting to return to his native city.



WAR UNDER RELIGIOUS SHRINE—Sheltered by a stone wall, alert Arab guards protect the approaches to Bethlehem. Behind them is the tomb of Rachel, wife of Jacob, venerated by Jews, Moslems and Christians alike. The tomb was in the custody of the Jews until the Arabs forced them out.



ANCIENT ART REVIVED—The art of carving on stone—man's oldest method of recording his thoughts and history—has been revived in fashionable Newport, Rhode Island. In a shop founded 243 years ago, stonecutter John Howard Benson, right, piles the ancient trade. Modern machine methods of cutting are not used. At left, Roxanne Price sharpens a chisel on an old whetstone. Decriing the lack of originality imposed by machine methods, Benson has never electrified his shop. All of the tools are sharpened by hand. A few promising assistants learn the trade from Benson in the old "John Stevens" shop, the oldest stonecutting shop in America, founded in 1705.

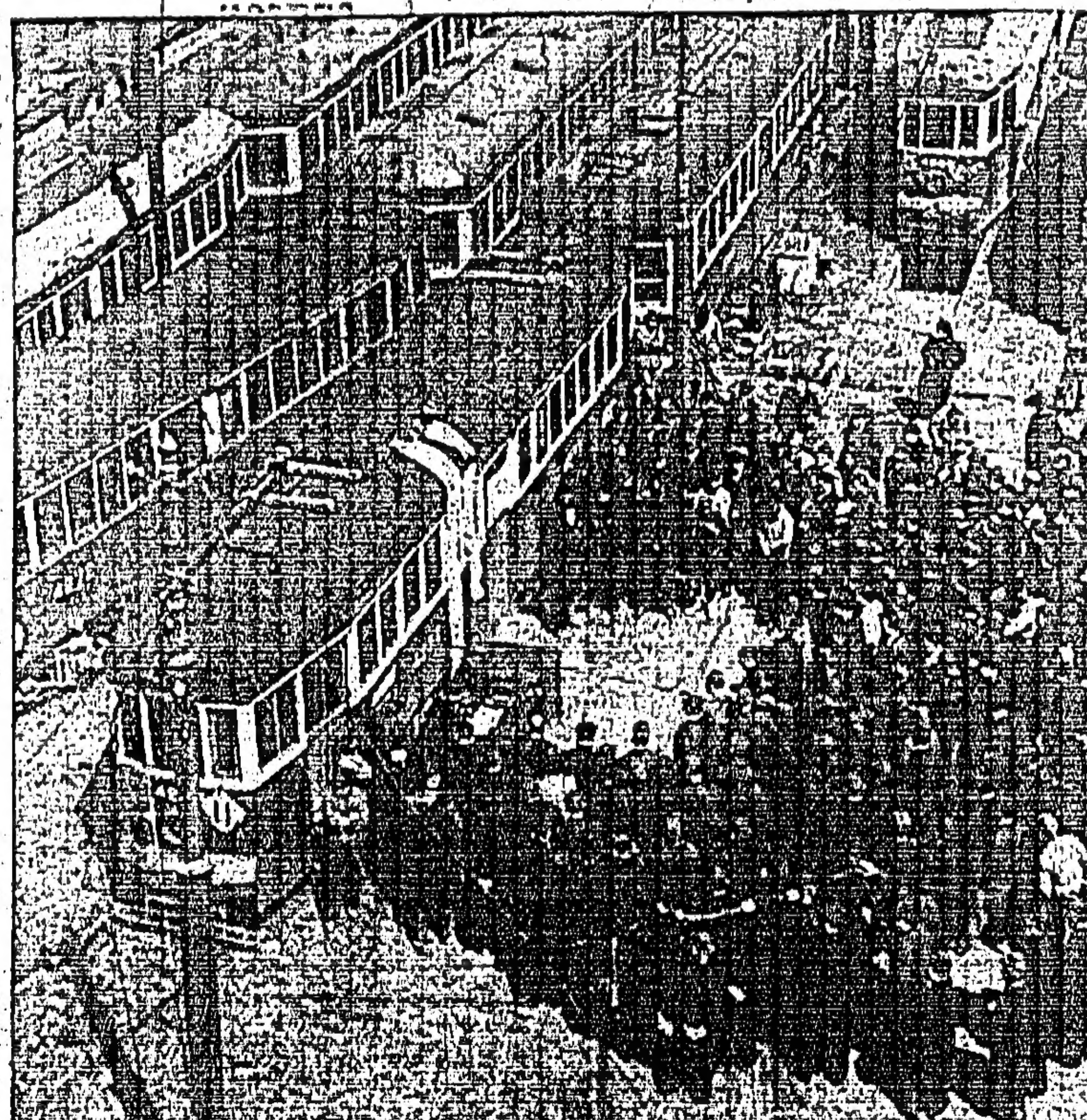


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PLATTS-MILLS: "Will you sign this telegram to Molotov congratulating him on his efforts to settle the British Labour Party?"

Frau Schacht sends me her husband's views on recovery in Europe

DR SCHACHT is still at it. From a prison hospital at Ludwigsburg in Bavaria a paper has reached me in which the ex-chief of Germany's Reichsbank has written down his views on the Marshall plan.

It was sent to me by his young wife, who is conducting what she calls "an almost hopeless battle for justice and humanity" in trying to obtain the release of her husband.

The document is a remarkable piece of work considering that Schacht has now been in jail cut off from the rest of the world for the best part of four years.

First in a Gestapo prison for his share in the July 20 plot against Hitler, then at Nuremberg awaiting the War Crimes trial, and now in Bavaria awaiting the hearing of his appeal, which for some obscure reason the Bavarian authorities keep on postponing.

Paying back

SCHACHT'S theme is that Marshall aid for Europe may do more harm than good if it does not make sure that the credits can be repaid without disturbing the structure of world markets.

Schacht would prefer to see American capital investing privately in European industry, rather than that the United States Government should grant large loans to the European Governments.

As a warning example he cites the crisis that overtook Central Europe in 1931.

"Only a few months after the end of hostilities," he says, "the first American bankers arrived in Berlin from New York. But to their astonishment the German banks rejected the loans they were offered because they could not see clearly how such loans would be repaid. Unfortunately the German Governments from 1924 to 1930, including the Brüning

Cabinet, had no such commercial scruples, despite the fact that the Reichsbank constantly pointed out the danger of foreign loans. . . . The system of borrowing ended in the financial breakdown of Germany and Austria in 1931. . . .

Miracles . . .

DR SCHACHT recommends not only that the various countries should be encouraged to help themselves as far as possible by their private initiative, but that Governments in their turn should leave things to the initiative of private enterprise. "Give free initiative a chance," says Schacht, "and you will be astonished what miracles are performed."

Then he comes to his most important point.

"The solution of the reconstruction problem," he writes, "would be greatly facilitated if the State credits were replaced at least in part by the investment of private American capital in European enterprises. I know that nationalist prejudices are opposed to this," says Hitler's one-time finance chief, "but these must be overcome."

"The investment of American capital in German industry would mean the assurance of work and wages for the masses of German workers. The dividends going out to foreign investors would be small in proportion to the wage and salary payments to German employees and the general fertilisation of our whole economy."

"Moreover, a dominant American influence in European industry resulting from corresponding investments would be a step forward. It would bring us nearer to achieving unity in the direction of world economy."

Economic rivalry, which has so frequently threatened world peace, would be considerably reduced. Perhaps it would be eliminated altogether."

Opposition

THE doctor's ideas about the usefulness of American investments in Europe coincide with my own views and those of British, Benelux and German industrialists whom I have been talking with on my trips around the parish.

I should like to see British, American and Benelux participation in German industry. It would be welcomed by the German managers and directors. But the trades unions and the German Social Democrat Party are dead against it—on nationalist grounds. And they have the backing of Mr Bevin and Lord Pakenham, who would prefer to see German industry nationalised under German Government control.

So I doubt whether much will come of Schacht's plan for a little while yet. At the end of his piece Dr Schacht promises to work out a plan for the rationalisation of the world export market. He is probably working on it now. I hope Frau Schacht will send me a copy when it is finished.

Prophecy—2

FOUR weeks ago, I was rash enough to fly in the face of many alarmist reports, and predict that there would be no

TODAY'S TOP TOPIC America, too, is split over Death Penalty . . .

by C. V. R. THOMPSON

NEW YORK. IN 1946 there were 6,480 murders throughout America. There were only 107 executions for murder—the other 24 being for rape, also a capital offence in some parts of America. Those figures are the result of two factors:—

1. The degree-of-murder system for tabulating homicide.
2. A trend to use execution as little as possible, even in those States which are empowered to hang, electrocute, shoot, or poison their murderers.

The degree system, which is used

in most States in America, calls for the death penalty only for pre-meditated murder, or murder as a result of arson, burglary, kidnapping.

For crimes of passion, or murder that can be justified as self-defence—sometimes even as the natural result of jealousy, betrayal, and so forth—the punishment is automatically "life."

"Life" is usually 20 years. The trend towards mercy is, according to Austin McCormick, America's top prison expert and chief consultant on corrective problems to the American Army, due to a growing American reluctance for capital punishment.

Openly jubilant about the Commons decision, which he called "wonderful news," McCormick said that most murders in America are wholly impulsive.

"Your calculating murderer works out his chances of avoiding the electric chair pretty cleverly," he said, "and I personally am satisfied that the chair is not a deterrent to him."

"For he doesn't go off to a State without capital punishment before he starts poisoning widows for their insurance money!"

8 out of 48

NEVERTHELESS McCormick's views are sternly challenged. The vast area of America provides a range and contrast of opinion in which the clash of opinion is violent.

By telephone, I have been sampling these views. Eight of the 48 States in America have abolished capital punishment. Two of the eight have brought it back. They are Kansas, which is for the most part agricultural, and South Dakota, which is wholly agricultural.

After 50 years without a death penalty, Kansas changed back in 1937 in the midst of a crime wave. The change stopped murder so completely that Kansas did not bother to appropriate funds for a gallows until two years later! (And since it got a gallows Kansas has had to use it only three times.)

South Dakota abolished the death penalty in 1915. They brought it back and installed an electric chair in 1935. What caused their change of mind was a period of tension just like this—the great American depression.

With the depression came an epidemic of bank robberies, and in America there is usually shooting with a bank robbery.

South Dakota decided to restore capital punishment when it discovered that bank robbers were coming into their State from other States to rob their banks, because without a death penalty the risk seemed better worth taking.

Said R. F. Drewry, South Dakota's Assistant Attorney-General: "All we could give these fellows was life imprisonment and they were habitual criminals. It's my guess we've had a few murderers since capital punishment came back."

The other side

BUT what of the six States which still have abolition? Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Rhode Island, and Wisconsin?

Of these Michigan is perhaps the most interesting, for, besides being agricultural, Michigan has an important industrial city, Detroit.

During the war, Detroit attracted so many outsiders to its war factories that it became one of those tough, highly competitive centres which breed serious crime.

Well, in 1946—the last year for which figures are published—Michigan, with a population of 4,300,000, had 160 murders.

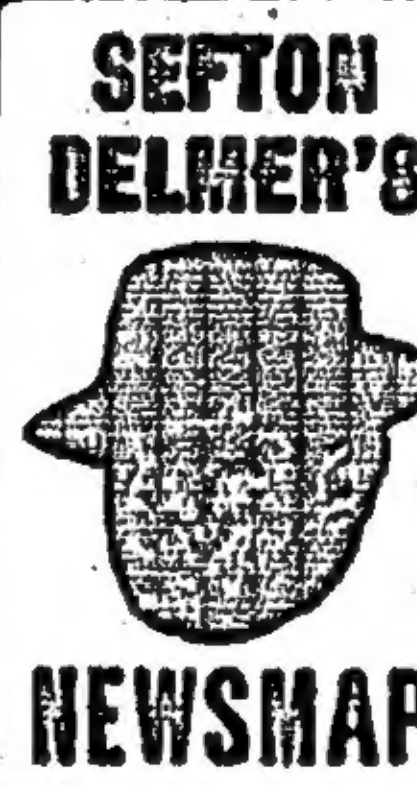
Missouri, with a slightly smaller population (3,800,000), but the same general make-up and a lethal gas chamber for murderers—had 144 murders.

But big cities?

AMIDST all this paradox and inconsistency maybe the man I quoted first, Austin McCormick—despite his jubilation at the Commons decision—had a clue.

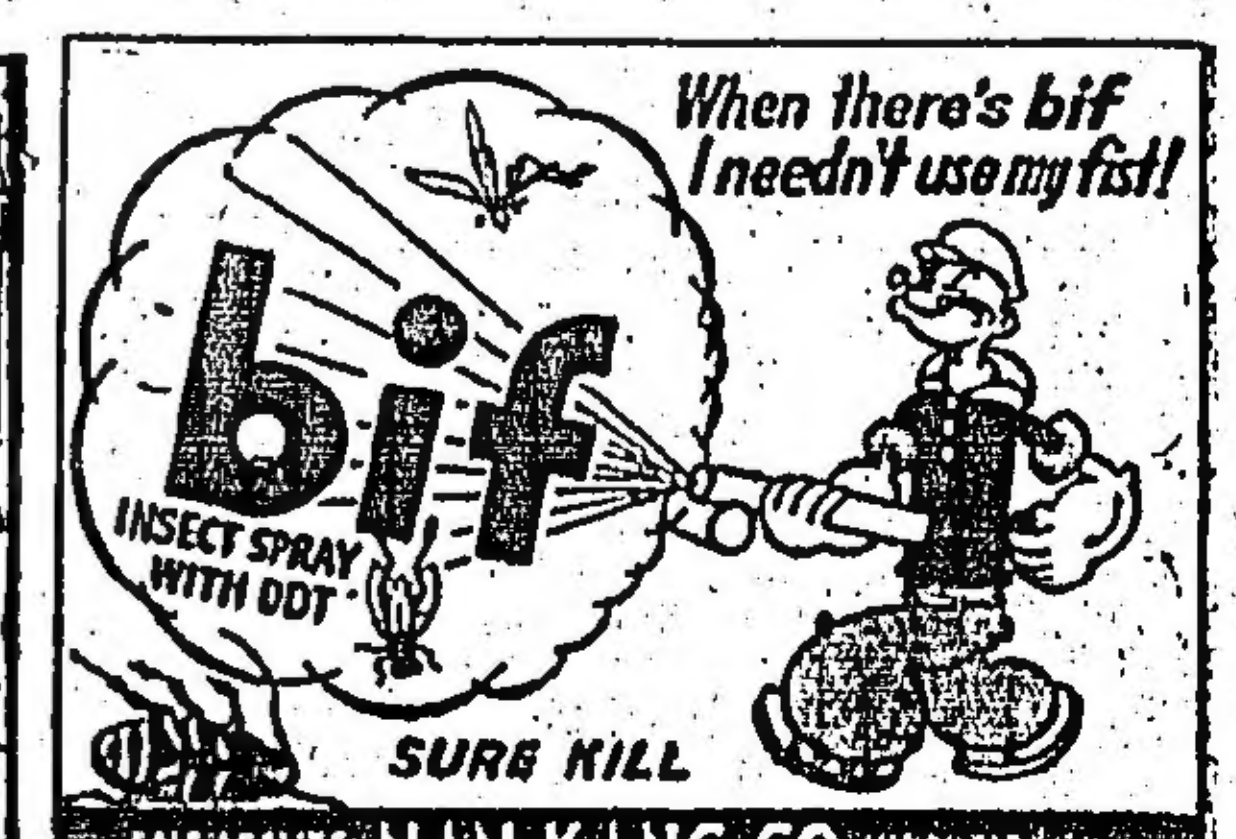
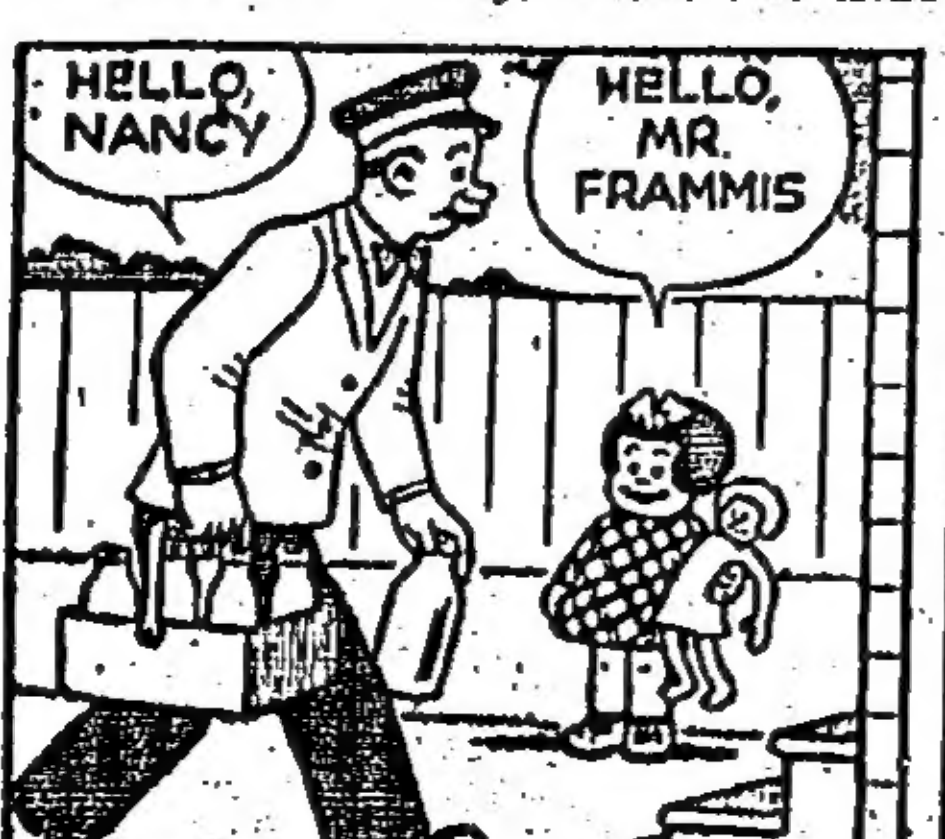
For McCormick admitted that in the big cities—New York, London, Chicago—the murderer worries about the electric chair or the gallows.

"He's scared to death of the 'hot seat,'" he said, "but does it stop him murdering? Look at Murder Incorporated, in New York, a syndicate of paid murderers."



NEWSMAP

NANCY Try These for Size



Snatcher Chased In Nathan Rd.

Two Inniskilling Fusiliers and a Portuguese civilian were commended by Mr. Latimer at Kowloon today for their part in the apprehension of a snatcher in Nathan Road on Sunday.

The culprit, Cheng Kan, 24, admitted having snatched a gold watch from a woman, Yeung Yuet-ping. When she raised the alarm, said Inspector Orem, Fusiliers Webb and Devlan and Mr. J. Gomes gave chase and arrested Cheng. During the pursuit, Cheng discarded the watch but later told the woman where he had thrown it.

Cheng had four previous convictions for similar offences since 1939. He was sentenced to 12 months.

YOUTH PLEADS GUILTY

An unemployed youth, who on Saturday last had pleaded guilty to snatching was giving four months and 10 strokes by Mr. Latimer. The defendant, Ho Sze-wing, snatched a wrist watch from Mrs. D. A. Xavier and pushed her to the ground, causing bruises to her side.

Chan Ming, 18, was given 12 months and 10 strokes of the cane by Mr. Latimer for snatching a pair of earrings from a woman in Wing Sing Lane, causing injuries to her, and snatching a gold wrist watch from another woman at the same place.

Inquiry Into Ship's Fire

Melbourne, May 2.—Police and fire experts today opened an investigation into a fire last night on board the 7,400-ton British freighter, Pemba—the fourth mysterious fire in the ship in seven weeks. The last time the Pemba caught fire, also at Melbourne, the police said they suspected saboteurs of trying to sink her. The new outbreak was confined to the ship's No. 5 hold, among wool and general cargo, and was under control in an hour.

Two tons of cheese and most of the flour cargo was ruined by fire and water.

The removal of the cargo started tonight. The captain said no official report was possible till this had been completed.

Most of the Pemba's cargo was destroyed in the previous blaze. The first two fires were also at Australian ports—one at Melbourne, the other at Sydney.

The ship is owned by the British India Steam Navigation Company, and manned by 12 Europeans and 60 Indians. Her run is between Australia, India and East Africa.

The 7,000-ton Chyabassa, owned by the same company, has been twice ablaze since she docked at Melbourne three months ago.—Reuter.

British Reinforcements Arrive At Haifa

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The Arab driven car in which I was riding in the middle of this convoy, with Charles Thetford, former news officer of the Palestine Government and two Palestinian Arabs, started out alone from Jerusalem for Cairo at 7 a.m. on Saturday morning.

A few miles south of Bethlehem, a shepherd boy waved and shouted frantically as our car passed. We stopped and waited.

A truck filled with armed Arabs appeared from the direction of Bethlehem and proceeded along. A British truck convoy in which an Arab bus containing many women had already taken refuge, arrived a few minutes later and our waiting cars swung in between the trucks.

Slowly we crept around the last intervening hill and into the wide valley which Kfar commands.

JEWS OPEN FIRE

On the exposed hillside across this valley Arab riflemen were running and crouching among the rocks. Jews waited until the convoy was well spread before them, then they opened fire from behind a stone wall.

The Arab bus stopped and most of its passengers jumped out and ran to shelter in a roadside ditch away from the ambush. One truck stopped and lurched backward against another putting it out of commission.

Bullets cracked off the rocks around our car. We tumbled out and threw ourselves flat in the ditch as fast as possible.

Tommyes and Mitrillian Soldiers fired back with two Bren guns and rifles. Their arms were too light to make any impression on the men behind the stone wall.

Under fire, soldiers manned a wrecker and tried to salvage the smashed truck. We lay for a long time beneath the road's shoulder, trying to figure out what to do.

DASH FOR BUS

Far away at the head of the convoy, Corporal Bennett made a dash with an Arab driver for the stalled bus. They hoped to drive it to safety on the other side of the hilltop.

Second Lt. Derek Herbert of Hillingdon, Middlesex, said some passengers were believed to be still

in the vehicles. I heard two loud heavy thuds, distinguished from previous rifle cracks.

"They're using mortars," yelled a soldier. A second mortar shell got Bennett. Only a few minutes later help came. Four armoured cars rolled majestically down the highway from the direction of Bethlehem, black berets of Life Guards poking out of the turret of two, the red and white checked khaki of Transjordan's Arab Legion.

Kennel Salalah, driver of the last car in our convoy, said that he had gone for help when the fighting started, and had found the armoured cars in Bethlehem.

They moved through the convoy to the top of a hill on the far side of the valley, then threw two pound shells into the settlement.

Arab Legion riflemen dropped into the ditch beside us and blazed away. In a few minutes the Jewish positions became silent. While the armoured cars kept the settlement covered the wrecker that came with them hulled our car out of the ditch and the convoy began sorting itself out.

WAS AN OLD SOLDIER

I walked up the hill and met Lt. Herbert. He said he had lost one man, was out of ammunition and had some of his trucks shot up. He would have to turn around and go back.

Grim faced Tommyes told me something about dead Corporal Bennett. They knew him as Yorkie, and thought he was from some place around York, but maybe it was Birmingham. He was an old soldier, they said, he had gone through World War II with the 8th Army, only to be killed in Palestine.

Bennett's body had been picked up before I reached where he died.

I found two holes in the ground eight or ten feet apart. Bennett's body lay nearby. I ran back down the length of the convoy trying to learn his first name and home town. Our car began to move and we had to climb in and give it up.

As we passed, Bennett's cap was still lying there on the ground beside a small bloody, mortar crater.—Associated Press.

PAULA

By DENNIS WHEATLEY

Rina Vane is called back to the film studio she fears to perform the Dutch Doll Dance.



TWO MEN ON TRIAL FOR MURDER OF TAXI-DRIVER

The discovery of a taxi-driver with his face covered with blood at Victoria Road, Kennedy Town, towards midnight on February 10 was described by a constable at the Criminal Sessions this morning during the trial, on a charge of murder, of two unemployed coolies.

Accused are Leung Wing and Leung Ngau, both 24, and they are charged with the murder of Ip Woon-ning, 33-year-old driver of the Dragon Motor Company.

Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, assisted by Inspector G. E. Willerton, is for the prosecution. Accused are defended by Mr. Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. J. C. Stewart. The trial is before Mr. Justice Williams and a jury which includes four women.

After the jury had been empanelled, His Lordship inquired if any of them had objections to hearing a capital case involving the death penalty. There was no objection. Mr. Lonsdale said Ip was employed as a night driver, by the Dragon Motor Company, and on the night in question he was known to have left the garage with a public vehicle. That was about 8 p.m. and nothing more was known of him until he was found in Victoria Road about 11.40 p.m. He was wounded and covered with blood. The car was standing some distance away with the lights on and the doors open. There were bloodstains on the left-hand side of the car behind the steering wheel and on the left hand front door.

Under the steering wheel was a grey felt hat and a 10-cent note. About 15 yards from the vehicle was a knife which was stained with blood, and further on were pieces of paper, also bloodstained, indicating the line of flight towards the waterfront.

HAT, RAINCOAT FOUND

The Police were summoned to the spot and the next day, as the result of a report, they went to a jetty near the scene where they found a raincoat and a brown felt hat, which were bloodstained.

Continuing, Mr. Lonsdale said that the driver had wounds on the left side of the head and this, coupled with the stains in the car, indicated that he was stabbed from outside while in his seat.

On February 18, the Police went to a tenhouse where they found both accused in company with a man named Wan Kam. They were questioned regarding the crime and both accused denied knowing anything. First accused said he was with his younger sister and nephew that night from 5 p.m. onwards, while the second accused told the Police he was not in the Colony at this time.

Not satisfied with their explanations, the Police took them to the Station. Wan Kam accompanying them for further inquiries. At the station, the knife, coat and two hats were shown, and Wan said in the presence of both accused that the coat was his and that first accused had borrowed it from him on the night of the crime. First accused said it was correct and he was immediately cautioned. It appeared that both accused were under the impression that Wan was also under arrest, for they asked the Police to release him, saying he had nothing to do with it.

NOT STRONG ENOUGH

Subsequently, Mr. Lonsdale continued, second accused made statements to the effect that a man named Li Fai stabbed the driver.

Evidence would be given by Wan Kam that, on the night in question, both accused went to the coolie quarters in Central Market and then left with Li Fai. First accused borrowed his (Wan's) raincoat and hat and second accused was wearing a grey felt hat. About 1 a.m. second accused returned and told Wan that he, first accused and Li Fai had tried to rob a driver in Kennedy Town, that the three of them were not strong enough to overcome their victim, that another car then came along and that they had run away without taking any money. According to Wan, second accused also told him that it was Li who stabbed the driver.

Mr. Lonsdale concluded by pointing out to the jury that besides the statements made by accused the evidence was entirely circumstantial, as the driver never fully recovered consciousness before he died 10 days later, but he submitted it was strong enough for a verdict of guilty.

MEDICAL EVIDENCE

Dr. D. W. Gould, Government medical officer, testified to having found splashes of blood on the raincoat and the brown felt hat. On the knife were bloodstains and hairs which came from the same head as the specimen handed to him by Inspector Willerton.

Dr. Gould said the bloodstains on the coat were consistent with the wearer being two or three feet away from the actual scene of the assault. However, the stains were also consistent with the wearer attacking the driver just outside the car while latter was in his seat.

Constable 1007 told the Court that about 11.40 p.m. on February 10 he was on patrol in Catchick Street when he heard cries of "Save Life" twice. He then went to Victoria Road with a view to tracing the cries and there saw Ip running towards him with his face covered with blood. In the vicinity was a car the lights of which were on.

After making a report to the station, he took Ip to hospital. Ip was unable to give any coherent story.

The case is proceeding.

Ship Repairer In Trouble

A sum of \$300 was demanded by a ship repairer, Yau Loi, from Kwok Yuk for the privilege of marrying Yau's common-law wife, it was disclosed at Kowloon court this morning.

According to Sub-Inspector Howarth, Yau and the woman, Chung Ying lived together for about a year, and then due to family squabbles were separated by the SCA. As she could not earn her own living, Chung married Kwok.

As soon as he learnt of this, Yau went to Kwok and asked for \$300 "compensation". On the evening of April 29 Yau, with another man, waited for Kwok in the Kowloon Cemetery which he usually passed on his way home, and Yau again asked for \$300 and threatened Kwok with assault. All the parties then went to the SCA, who advised the Police to prosecute.

Yau, who admitted asking Kwok for money, was sentenced to three months by Mr. Blair-Kerr for demanding money with menaces.

DR DIGBY'S CHAUFFEUR NOT GUILTY

A summons against Wong Siu-ming, chauffeur employed by Dr. K. H. Digby of 211 Gloucester Building, for driving without due care and caution in Queen's Road East on March 11, was dismissed by Mr. Thomas Tam at Central Court this morning, following closing addresses by the prosecution and defence.

The incident, according to the prosecution, occurred near the junction of Queen's Road East and Hennessy Road. A car driven by Wong was alleged to have crossed the road in front of a Police car driven by Sub-Inspector W. Eggleston of the Traffic Department, causing the Inspector to brake sharply to avoid a collision.

The defence alleged that the Police car was approaching at such a terrific speed that Wong had to swerve to avoid being hit. In the car were Dr. Digby and Dr. She Man-wai, who were on their way to the Yeung Wo Hospital, Happy Valley.

Mr. D. B. Evans, for the defence, submitted that the evidence of the Inspector was entirely uncorroborated in every material respect. Dealing with the Inspector's evidence, he had looked twice at his speedometer and found himself doing 18½ miles per hour just prior to the incident. Counsel remarked that any driver who looked at his speedometer with traffic as it was at present was only looking for trouble.

DISCREPANCIES

He submitted that the discrepancies in the evidence were glaring, and that one side or the other was deliberately fabricating a story. As an example of the prosecuting officer's fragility of mind, Counsel cited incident which occurred last Thursday when he suggested an adjournment after the defendant had given his evidence. To his great astonishment and resentment, the prosecuting officer opposed the adjournment on the ground that he (Counsel) would apprise the defence witnesses of what had occurred in Court. It was a most gratuitous insult not only to himself but to the two doctors who were the witnesses, said Mr. Evans.

Suggesting that some person or persons had perjured themselves, Mr. Evans declared that a conviction would be against the whole weight of evidence.

NOT CHALLENGED

Sub-Inspector Eggleston, replying, said that the prosecution was to have been undertaken by Crown Counsel who, however, had been unable to do so owing to pressure of other work. He submitted that the evidence of the prosecution had not been challenged and the defence appeared to rest on an allegation of excessive speed on the part of the Police car. It was the prosecution's case that the defendant was guilty of careless driving, and the Inspector asked that the man's licence be endorsed.

Giving his decision, Mr. Tam, reviewing the evidence, said it was extremely conflicting. Defendant had given a plausible explanation and his evidence was corroborated in material particulars by his employer and another passenger in the car.

EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS

An exhibition of 30 paintings of Hongkong flowers and fruits, by Dr. G. A. Herklotz, will be held in the Board Room, Morning Post Building from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. tomorrow (Tuesday) and Wednesday.

Members of the public are cordially invited to inspect this unique collection of paintings.

MADE FAGS FROM BUTTS

Charged at Kowloon Court this morning with obstruction and hawking without a licence, Chan Sik, 20, was sentenced by Mr. Blair-Kerr to three months and expulsion as a destitute when it was found that he hawked cigarettes made from butts.

Asking for confiscation of the cigarettes for destruction, Sub-Inspector Howarth said there was also a small collection of butts found on Chan, who was arrested in Canton Road on Saturday.

CLERK ADMITS LARCENY OF LAMP BULBS

E. F. Passos, 32, clerk of Messrs. Anderson, Meyer and Company, was fined \$3,000 or 20 months by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central Court this morning when he pleaded guilty to 10 counts of larceny by servant of 84 cartons of GE lamp bulbs, valued at \$6,310, between January and April 1948.

Passos, who offered to make a refund of \$1,000 to the Company, was ordered to pay this sum or, in addition, serve another month.

Det. Sub-Inspector Lam Yung-hon, of Shaikwan Police Station, stated that on April 22 defendant telephoned the Sheung Yuet Electrical Company in Shanghai Street, who agreed to buy 12 cartons of GE bulbs from him at 50 cents per bulb. Passos then, without authority, issued a delivery order to the godown for the goods, which were delivered to the Sheung Yuet Company.

MATTER REPORTED

The same day, Inspector Lam continued, the godown keeper happened to be in the town office and mentioned the fact to the cashier, asking for payment for the bulbs had been received. The cashier in turn reported the matter to Mr. Portrude, the manager, and defendant, who admitted the offence, was taken into custody. Defendant further admitted nine other deals with the Sheung Yuet Company.

Only 12 cartons, valued at \$900, had been recovered. Defendant had given every assistance to the police in their investigations, Inspector Lam concluded.

Mr. W. M. Portrude, manager of Anderson, Meyer and Company, said defendant was a trusted employee and had been with them for years whenever he needed them. He was in charge of incoming and outgoing cargo. Since the first loss was reported, the Company took an inventory of their stock and discovered that 14,750 bulbs were missing. The Sheung Yuet Company admitted buying 8,880, and there were about 6,000 lamps not accounted for. The total value was \$10,000, he added. Defendant had been with the firm since December 1940, and had been very satisfactory.

Pleading for leniency, Passos said he committed the offence as a result of the illness of his young son. At that time he was receiving a salary of \$420 per month. He borrowed a certain sum of money from a friend in order to treat his child, and when pressed for repayment was unable to do so.

OFFERS RESTITUTION

Passos offered restitution in the sum of \$1,000. He said he had spent the rest of the money to provide things for his family and himself, things which he could never hope to afford otherwise.

He was employed in a Dutch bank before the war, and during the occupation went to Macao. He was a temporary junk inspector after the war.

Passing sentence, Mr. Hin-shing Lo said he had taken all the circumstances of the case into consideration, and in view of the fact that conviction alone would possibly deprive him of future employment in the Colony, gave defendant the option of a fine.

SHOWING TO-DAY **KING'S** At 2.30, 5.15, 7.20 & 9.30 p.m.

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MARINE COURT

For being anchored in the area reserved for Government craft in the Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter, the mistress of a sloop was fined \$15 or three days by Mr. Cairns at the Marine Court this morning.

The mistress of a Class I boat was cautioned for failing to produce her licence when called upon to do so. She pleaded that her small boat was leaking so she kept the licence on the "Mother" boat. She was warned that she was liable to a fine of \$200, and advised not to appear before the Court again on a similar offence.

TELEGRAPH'S Page Of SPORTS NEWS

DAVIS CUP

RUMANIA LEADS FRANCE IN OPENING SINGLES

Bucharest, May 2.—Viziru of Rumania defeated Bernard Destremaux of France in the first singles match of the Davis Cup Challenge Round today 6-3, 6-2, 7-5. Kache Caraulis followed up with a 3-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2 victory over Marcel Bernard to give Rumania a two to nil lead at the end of the first day's two singles matches.

One doubles and two singles match remain, with Rumania needing only one more victory for them to advance into the next round.—Associated Press.

SWITZERLAND BEATS PAKISTAN

Montreux, May 2.—Pakistan lost their first round European Zone Davis Cup tie against Switzerland when Hana Hunder, the Swiss No. 1, easily beat Mahmud Alam, Pakistan's second string to give Switzerland a decisive 3-1 lead in the matches.

Hunder beat Alam 6-1, 6-1, 6-2. Although the last singles could have no bearing on the overall result, it was none the less interesting and the Pakistan captain, Ifkhar Ahmed, scored a five-sets victory over Max Albrecht to cut Switzerland's winning margin.

Ahmed won 6-1, 7-5, 1-6, 4-6, 6-4. Switzerland thus won 3/2 and will meet the winners of the Spain-Sweden tie in the next round. Mr. H. Khokhar, the manager of the team and Secretary of the Pakistan Lawn Tennis Association, said afterwards: "Our defeat is a big disappointment for us. We ought to have beaten the young inexperienced Swiss team, and we probably should have done so if we had played a different doubles pair yesterday, when Alam was entirely out of form."

BEST MATCH

Ahmed's match today against Albrecht was the most exciting of the three days play.

In the fifth and final set, the youthful Albrecht began strongly as Ahmed tired, and the Swiss ran into a 3/0 lead. But Albrecht became over-anxious and dropped the fourth game to Ahmed, who previously had been playing well below his best.

When the Pakistan captain pulled up to 4/2, the Swiss changed his aggressive game to one of extreme caution. Ahmed was quick to take advantage of this, and won the next two games to level the scores, and, in an inspired spell of crisp volleying at the net, ran out of winner 6/4.

Ehler Alam, although in better form than in his previous games here, had been decisively beaten by Hana Hunder.

Mr. Khokhar said that the four-man team would spend some days sightseeing in Switzerland and France before going to Paris for the French championships on May 15, to which the Pakistan players would compete.

Mr. Khokhar added that he intended to make an extensive tour before returning to Pakistan in order to find coaches for coming players in his country, and also to attract first class players to compete in the Pakistan lawn tennis championships early in December.—Reuter.

CZECH STARS STAYING PUT
Prague, May 2.—The Czech Davis Cup selectors today resigned themselves to the likelihood of having to face the European Zone contest without the top-ranking stars, Jaroslav Drobny and Vladimir Cernik, who won it last year.

With little more than 24 hours to go before the Monday midnight deadline for entry in the European Zone competition, officials who had a state of affairs like this could be remedied by the formation of a local ABA, longer preparation for bouts made possible by earlier announcement of advance fixtures, and a ladder challenge system.

The elimination type of tourney is quite unsuitable to local boxing. In the Inter-Service Championships some of the early round pairings were sufficiently one-sided for the losers to take a drubbing that, in some cases, could have left little taste for more.

From the gallery's point of view a spate of knockouts and TKOs may make for a good evening's entertainment, but the heavy-slogging type of bout hardly encourages good boxing.

The championship system that would best suit this Colony would be a series of graded challenge matches culminating in an end-of-season challenge round with an evening's card devoted to holders v. principal challengers.

TOUR OF NETHERLANDS

Amsterdam, May 2.—Jean Goldschmidt, Luxembourg, won today, the nine-day International cyclists road race "Tour of the Netherlands." His time for the total distance of 1,600 kilometres was 44 hours 4 minutes.—Associated Press.

HEY, THAT HURTS



John Stephenson, 126-pounder from Halleyville, Okla., gasps as he absorbs a right by Edward Lacey, Minneapolis, in the third round of their semi-finals bout in the national junior AAU tournament in Kansas City. Lacey won the Judges' decision to go into the finals where he won the championship in his division with a first round kayo over John Burke, Birmingham, Ala.—AP Wirephoto.

BASEBALL

Pittsburgh Retains Lead In National League

New York, May 2.—In the National League, the Pittsburgh Pirates caught up with Ewell Blackwell, star right-hander of the Cincinnati Reds to maintain their half game lead over the New York Giants in the League race. Pittsburgh took the game 6-4.

Left fielder Ralph Kiner drove in four runs with two homers. Blackwell, who whipped the Pirates twice this year, lasted only five innings.

First baseman Johnny Mize's home run highlighted a four-run sixth inning to give the New York Giants a 5-1 victory over the Boston Braves. Larry Jansen won his second victory of the season.

The Brooklyn Dodgers moved third place by dividing a double-header with Philadelphia. In the first game Brooklyn roared off to a six run lead in the first two innings and weathered a late inning rally, taking the game 9-6.

Right fielder Duke Snyder led the Braves' attack with a pair of homers, a triple and a single. Ken Heintzelman shut out the Dodgers in the second game, pitching no hit ball for 6 2/3 innings. Philadelphia took this 2-0.

The Chicago Cubs slipped five St. Louis Cardinal pitchers for 10 hits, to trounce the Cards 13-4. The Cubs tallied seven times in the seventh. Right fielder Bill Nicholson homered for the Cubs and third baseman "Don" Lang for the Cardinals.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

In the American League, Left fielder Ted Williams knocked in five runs with a two on homer and a triple while the Boston Red Sox were defeating the New York Yankees, winning 7-1. Shortstop Junior Stephens homered after Williams cleared the bases in the eighth.

Freddie Hutchinson's three hit pitching and an eighth inning attack on Bob Lemon gave the Detroit Tigers their second straight victory over the League leading Cleveland Indians. The score was 4-2.

Centre fielder Hoot Evers hit a homer for Detroit. Shortstop manager Lou Boudreau and Lemon hit homers for Cleveland.

Relief pitcher Charley Harris checked a ninth inning Washington rally to preserve a Philadelphia Athletics 4-3 victory.

The scores:

National League			
	R	H	E
Cincinnati	4	11	0
Pittsburgh	6	10	0
(Winning pitcher Mel Queen)			
Boston	1	3	2
New York	5	8	2
(Winning pitcher Larry Jansen)			
Brooklyn (1st game)	0	13	0
Philadelphia	0	13	0
(Winning pitcher Rex Barney)			
Brooklyn (2nd game)	0	4	1
Philadelphia	2	8	0
(Winning pitcher Ken Heintzelman)			
Chicago	13	10	2
St. Louis	4	8	1
(Winning pitcher Bob Chapman)			

American League

	R	H	E
New York	1	7	1
Boston	7	12	0
(Winning pitcher Joe Dobson)			
Detroit	4	8	0
Cleveland	2	3	2
(Winning pitcher Fred Hutchinson)			
Philadelphia	4	7	0
Washington	3	10	2
(Winning pitcher Joe Coleman)			

—Associated Press.

Olympic Tourists Win Again

Manila, May 2.—China's Olympic footballers scored their second victory here tonight by defeating the Manila Football League's selection 3-1 before 15,000 spectators at Rizal Memorial Football Stadium.

The visiting team scored the first three goals in a row and the local team one goal in the first half. The two teams played about even in the scoreless second half.

Kwok Ying-kee scored two goals and Lue Sing-wing one goal for the Olympics while Nerique Beech made the lone score for the local team, which put up unexpectedly stiff opposition.—Associated Press.

SING TAO RUNNERS-UP

Sing Tao beat Navy "B" by three goals to one at Happy Valley yesterday in the play-off for the runner-up berth in the Second Division of the Football League.

Navy led one-nil at half time but had little of the game in the second half. Sing Tao played an aggressive game but their forward line lacked finish.

Match With The French Army

By ARCHIE QUICK

Congratulations to British Army Soccer side on winning both the Inter-Services and triangular tournaments. They drew with RAF 0-0 and beat Royal Navy and Marines 4-0 for the former championship and beat the Belgian Army 1-0 and French Army 1-0 to take the latter. Their latest success over the French Army at the Spurs' ground was achieved with no fewer than six team changes.

Neither match provided an impressive win or spectacular football and success was achieved in each case by sheer team spirit and fighting grit inspired mostly by the captaincy of McDonnell and his personal playing example of 90 minutes' hard work.

At Tottenham I sat next to the daddy of all modern centre-halves, Stanley Cullis, and he was much taken by the display of McDonnell, (Birmingham), who these days cannot get into Bham's first team because of Duckhouse.

Landing the double was also a personal success for Lieut.-Col. H. Prince, MBE, former amateur international and England's old Olympic captain, whose first season as secretary of Army F.A. this is.

I have been to most of Army's representative games this season although I have not always seen eye to eye with his selections, notably in the case of Hinchelwood, Fulham's outside right, there is no doubt Col. Prince has spared no pains in getting the best players and by the final victory he had the last laugh on me, I suppose.

British Army wins were gained mostly through their sound defence, for at no time during the season has the forward line been satisfactory.

Next to McDonnell I would give credit marks to hard-working, vigorous right-back Rogers (Aldershot) and goalkeeper McBride (Reading) who is greatly superior to those tried before, King (St. Mirren) and Jones (Aston Villa).

Rogers would not disgrace the ranks of any First Division side and Reading have obtained a bargain in McBride.

At Tottenham, the French Army played pretty football but far too delicate and it did not stand up to the hard tackling of McDonnell, Rogers and Doyle and amateur international Smith.

On the other hand, although the British attack did not get going often, when it did it generally ended up with a rousing shout at goal. After McBride had made two great saves, Westwood flashed in a terrific shot which was saved by France's agile, able goalkeeper, but Petherbridge followed up quickly and got the ball into the net from a seemingly impossible angle after a half-hour's play.

That was all the scoring and from thence onwards the British Army defence frustrated all the efforts of France to penetrate it.

Strangely enough the French included two Air Force men, one sailor and two Spaniards and had brought three men from North Africa. They had two weeks' training together against the British Army's three days at Kingston-on-Thames.

MOTORCYCLING

Schaffhausen, Switzerland, May 2.—Franta Juhán, of Czechoslovakia, won two events in the international motorcycle race here today.

Riding a Moto Guzzi, he won the 500-cc class, covering a 90-kilometre course, at an average speed of 93.1 kilometres per hour.

Juhan also took the 350-cc class on a Velocette, covering the same course at an average speed of 90.611 kilometres per hour.

The 250-cc class was won by the Italian rider, Enrico Lorenzetti, on a Moto Guzzi, in which he averaged 88.601 kilometres per hour over the 94-kilometre course.—Reuter.

OLYMPIC PROSPECTS

By "RECORDER"

THE MERMAIDS WILL BE FASTER THAN EVER

The Olympic Games in 1936 produced the fastest crop of feminine aquastars the world had yet seen but their times, all Olympic records, do not compare with what we should see at the Empire Pool at Wembley in August.

To-day's mermaids are faster than their sisters of 12 years ago and only one of the listed Olympic marks—Rie Mastenbrook's 65.9 seconds for the 100 metres free style at Berlin—seems to stand an outside chance of remaining on the books.

Denmark's Fritz Nathansen did 65.8 last year, and another Danish girl, Greta Andersen, managed 66 flat. Either could repeat or be even faster at Wembley, with the two Americans, Ann Curtis and Brenda Helser, also standing an outside chance as well of bettering Mastenbrook.

When we come to the 400 metres free style, Rie Mastenbrook's mark of 3:24.4 at Berlin would rank only 10th on last year's best performance list.

Three of today's stars—Ann Curtis, Denmark's Karen Harup, and Scotland's little Cathie Gibson, finest British prospect in years—are a good 10 seconds ahead of what was an Olympic record in 1936.

TOO FAR AHEAD

Ann Curtis is so far ahead of it with a best time of 3:07.9 that she could slow down and still improve on the old mark. However, with Harup and Gibson behind, she will not quite be able to afford such tactics.

The Dutch girls averaged 60 seconds in setting the 400 metres relay record at Berlin. Denmark's Nathansen, Andersen, Ove-Petersen, and Harup could average 53.2 seconds a leg.

A THRILLER
America's four of Helser, Merkl, Jensen and Curtis could do it at 68.3 a leg. This race should be one of the most thrilling the Games have ever seen. It's a pity the Dutch will lack a Mastenbrook and a Willy Den Ouden, or it could have been a three-way photo finish.

The Danish girls are favourites for the team championship, though the Games do not recognise one, and all will depend on the 100 metres free style and the relay.

America's divers will start favourites for a sweep of the points in this event, but the Danish girls, if they are not upset in a one-two for the free style sprint, should have enough points to offset this.

Though the Olympic Games Committee have never recognised team championships, unofficial "pool" scores are always featured by the world's press and the Danish girls should finish ahead of the United States on this with Holland a not too faraway third.

Best times last year were:

100 METRES FREE STYLE
Fritz Nathansen (Denmark) 1:05.8
Greta Andersen (Denmark) 1:06.0
Ann Curtis (US) 1:06.5
Brenda Helser (US) 1:06.8
Hanny Termeulen (Holland) 1:06.6
G. Tildhom (Sweden) 1:07.0
Fernande Caroen (Belgium) 1:07.9
I. Fredin (Sweden) 1:07.0
Karen Harup (Denmark) 1:08.0
Nancy Merkl (US) 1:08.1
Cathie Gibson (Britain) 1:08.1

400 METRES FREE STYLE
Ann Curtis (US) 3:07.9
Karen Harup (Denmark) 3:13.7
Cathie Gibson (Britain) 3:14.0
Greta Andersen (Denmark) 3:19.2
Fernande Caroen (Belgium) 3:20.9
Hanny Termeulen (Holland) 3:21.8
Margaret Wellington (Britain) 3:23.4
Fritz Nathansen (Denmark) 3:25.0
P. Coutinho (Brazil) 3:26.1
Eva Szekely (Hungary) 3:28.0

100 METRES BACKSTROKE
Karen Harup (Denmark) 1:14.0
I. Novak (Hungary) 1:15.8
Cathie Gibson (Britain) 1:15.9
J. Gallard (Holland) 1:16.5
J. Van Eggelen (Holland) 1:17.1
B. Jensen (US) 1:17.0
Suzanne Zimmermann (US) 1:17.6
M. Berlioux (France) 1:17.8
Ove-Petersen (Denmark) 1:18.8
Heerbruck (Germany) 1:18.8
I. de Gans (Holland) 1:19.0
S. Van Stoelheren (Holland) 1:19.0

200 METRES BREASTSTROKE
Nel Van Vliet (Holland) 2:49.2
Markarova (Russia) 2:54.7
J. De Groot (Holland) 2:55.8
Eve Szekely (Hungary) 2:56.1
E. Novak (Hungary) 2:58.2
W. Haverling (Holland) 2:59.2
M. Ferlund (Sweden) 3:00.3
G. Sonnensen (Denmark) 3:00.5
Van Broekoven (Holland) 3:01.3
Y. de Kerkhove (Belgium) 3:02.0

It's a curiosity of women's swimming particularly that if they are fast in the crawl they are likely to be tops as well at the backstroke and we have both Karen Harup and Cathie Gibson among the four principal contenders for the 100 metres backstroke event.

Karen and Cathie, as well as Hungary's I. Novak and Holland's J. Gallard, are ahead of the Olympic record held by Holland's Nita Senff. Karen is ahead of it by an easy 2.6 seconds and Cathie by a generous fraction of a second.

There is also the Dutch girl, let Van Eggelen, whose best last year was 1:17.1, a half-second behind Senff, but who has done sensational times at other backstroke distances.

The record for the 200 metres breast stroke, held at 3:01.9 by Japan's H. Matsuda, hasn't the dimmest hope of survival.

Holland's Nel Van Vliet is all of 12.7 seconds ahead and eight more of today's girls have done better, six of them getting under three minutes flat last year.

MOTOR RACING

ITALIAN WINS GRAND PRIX

Geneva, May 2.—The Italian racing motorist, Giuseppe Farina, in a Maserati, won the Grand Prix des Nations here today. Farina covered the course in two hours, 23 minutes, 58.2 seconds, at an average speed of 98.833 kilometres per hour.

The Grand Prix des Nations is an 80-car world race over 237,200 kilometres.

Raymond Sommer, driving a Simca-Gordon, won the Grand Prix de Geneva—a 207.55 kilometre race over 70 laps. Sommer's time was two hours, six minutes, 1.1 seconds, averaging 98.82 kilometres per hour.

Sommer finished third in the Grand Prix des Nations in a 12-cylindered two-litre Ferrari machine.—Reuter.

FAVOURITE



Ann Curtis of San Francisco, favourite for the 400 metres free style at London and a potential finalist in the shorter sprint.

JAPAN'S PERMANENT INDUSTRY LEVELS

Support For Bevan

London, May 2.—A resolution promising full support to the Minister for Health, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, and his controversial Health Service Act, which came into operation on July 5, was unanimously carried here today by the Socialist Medical Association.

Following the rejection of the scheme in a plebiscite by members of the British Medical Association, Mr. Bevan agreed to introduce amendments making it clear that a full-time salaried State's service could only be established by the consent of Parliament and not under the terms of the existing Act.

In view of this, a new plebiscite has been held by the BMA to define the attitude of British doctors to the proposed modifications. The results of the new plebiscite are expected on Tuesday or Wednesday.—Reuter.

ALLEGATION OF POLICE TERROR

Soviet Propagandist "Warns" Germans

Berlin, May 2.—A "police terror" against workers and all "democratic organisations" is now being conducted in the Western sectors of Berlin, Colonel Sergei Tulpanov, chief of the Soviet Information Bureau in Germany, declared over Berlin Radio tonight.

In a broadcast commemorating the Russian entry into Berlin three years ago, he said: "Only we Russians are your champions of democracy."

If the Western powers continued to split Berlin, it would soon be cut off from its hinterland in the Russian Zone, Colonel Tulpanov said.

Berlin was captured by the Soviet Army and is still situated in the centre of the Soviet Zone, he said. "It is thus decisively influenced by the Russian administration. Only the difficulties and hardships can be caused to Berlin's population by intrigues, both German and foreign, continue to split the capital."

Berliners who did not assist the Soviet authorities could only be "politically unstable." It was up to German democratic forces to reinstate the city as "the capital of a free Germany."

"We stand for a unified Germany," Colonel Tulpanov declared.

CAPITALISTS' HEY DAY

"You must not be exploited by foreign powers in the West," he told his listeners. "Leading American capitalists are having a hey day at the expense of the hard-working Germans. Irresponsible capitalist groups are doing their best to ruin Germany."

"You must not be misled by the attempts of forces which are only leading you up a blind alley."

Repeating the Soviet allegations that the Western powers were systematically looting the city, he said the Russian traffic restrictions had just been in force to prevent the export of thousands of tons of valuable steel and equipment.

Colonel Tulpanov invited his listeners to compare the "horrible results" of the Western administration in Germany with those achieved in the Russian Zone.

Making the first official Soviet reference to Soviet soldiers' behaviour after the capture of Berlin, he said they had to be ascribed to their "extreme anger" at having to enter the city "over the corpses of thousands of dead comrades."—Reuter.

Britain Takes The Initiative

SEEKS FOR AGREEMENT

Washington, May 2.—Informed sources report that Britain has taken the initiative in the 11-nation Far Eastern Commission in attempting to secure an agreement on permanent levels of industry for Japan.

The sources said so far the British have been blocked by the United States failure to give its final opinion on this subject.

The British submitted to the commission proposals which would freeze Japanese industrial levels at a point somewhat higher than envisaged in earlier American plans based on the report of Ambassador Edwin C. Pauley, but considerably lower than indicated in the recommendations of Clifford Strike and the Draper-Hoffman Mission which recently returned from Japan.

The British representative on the commission has urged early action on the industrial level, contending that this subject must be settled quickly to pave the way for a treaty. The United States, however, has not yet submitted a final opinion on the question.

LEVELS MUST BE HIGHER

American officials said they wished to revise their earlier estimates but so far have not come forth with amendments. United States officials said this was due to the fact that the United States had not yet agreed to amend themselves on the final figures.

United States authorities said the Army and State Departments were in "general agreement" that the Japanese industrial levels must be set considerably higher than had at first been planned. They added, however, that so far they have not seen able to decide on definite figures in specific industries.

They said for example that while the Draper-Hoffman mission recommended shipping for Japan, the State Department still believes 3,000,000 tons would be adequate. There are large divergences of opinion on other industries.

British officials reportedly believe that the United States may be deliberately stalling on the industrial levels hoping they can build up Japan without commission interference if not tied down to any specific levels. Under-Secretary of Army Draper denies this in effect by asserting that some time must elapse while the consensus of various American reports on Japanese industry is compiled.

PEACE TREATY MOVES

Meanwhile the British also are considering taking the initiative in attempting to secure an early treaty. Informed sources said their decision on this score was taken after it became apparent that the United States had lost its interest in a treaty, early meeting on the peace treaty. The sources said that it was "most likely" that if nothing occurred on peace treaty or two, British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin would address himself directly to Secretary of State George C. Marshall, suggesting a meeting of nations to discuss procedural questions which so far have blocked efforts to hold a conference.

The matter is still deadlocked between Anglo-American desire for a conference operating under the two-thirds majority rule with no veto, and the Soviet and Chinese demand for the veto over the conference decisions.

Informed sources said the British probably would suggest that a meeting of all interested nations be called to decide the question of procedure. Their feeling is said to be that since nothing has been accomplished on this score by exchanges between individual nations, the only way to break the deadlock is to call in all interested parties and let them decide by a majority vote under what circumstances they wish to hold the Japanese conference.—United Press.

Main Obstacle To Peace

Edinburgh, May 2.—Mr. A. V. Alexander, the Defence Minister, said here tonight that Russian policy was "the main obstacle to a peace which the vast majority of the people throughout the world ardently desired."

Because of the "non-cooperative attitude" of a great nation, which, in alliance with Britain, had rendered a powerful service to the world by playing a brave and tremendous part in crushing German militarism, this peace could not be obtained, Mr. Alexander said.

The Russian people must remember, he added, that "to try to force their ideas of government on people who do not look at things in the same way as they do is neither decent nor diplomatic."

The great American nation is accused of self-interest and expansionist intentions, he who has genuinely provided practical help for those who are suffering from the effects of a devastated world.

"Why is it wrong for the Western nations to get together when Europe already has done so. Is that a good policy?"

Italy has decided in what direction she will take and she has chosen well.

If Britain and other nations benefiting under Marshall aid took full advantage of it in the knowledge that it was "their last chance," the Defence Minister continued, then there will be an upward trend in the standard of living of all the people and will lead to an expanding and an abiding prosperity.—Reuter.

ANTI-LYNCH MEASURE

Cleveland, May 2.—Senator Robert Taft said today that the anti-lynch bill would be brought before the Senate this month and he predicted that the Republican majority would bring it to the vote despite filibustering.

The senior Ohio Senator made a last-minute round of speaking appearances in Cleveland's negro district today, winding up his campaign in this area against Mr. Harold Stassen of Minnesota for 23 of the State's 53 delegates in Tuesday's primary.

"We hope to bring the anti-lynch bill before the Senate this month and put through a vote of closure," said Senator Taft. "I think we can succeed and pass our entire civil rights programme." Senator Taft listed the Republican civil rights programme, as an anti-lynch bill, anti-poll tax bill and a fair employment practices act.—United Press.

Farewell Salute For Eisenhower

Washington, May 2.—General Dwight Eisenhower received the United States Army's farewell salute today when he left Fort Myers here for New York preparatory to taking up the Presidency of Columbia University in June.

General Eisenhower left Fort Myers in uniform, but in New York will change into civilian clothes to which he has been getting accustomed by stages during the past few weeks.

He said today "civilian clothes still feel like a suit of pyjamas." General Eisenhower has spent most of his time writing a book on World War II since he was succeeded as Chief of Staff by General Omar Bradley in February.—Reuter.

NINE KILLED BY TORNADOES

Kansas City, Missouri, May 2.—The death toll from a series of tornadoes which lashed sections of Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri last night has risen to nine, with 30 persons listed as injured.

Tornadoes slashed through sections of the midwestern states of Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri last night.

Hardest hit was the resort section of Grand Lake in Northwestern Oklahoma, where three persons were killed and at least 10 injured.—Associated Press.

FIVE COMBOS DIE IN GUN BATTLE

Calicut, May 2.—Five Communists were killed in a gun battle with a police search party at Cherupuzha, 50 miles north of here, it was reported here today.

The Communists, it was stated, were in hiding. Seventeen others were arrested and seven guns and other arms were captured.—Reuter.

Letters To The Editor

No Cricket Scores

Sir,—May I enter an emphatic protest against ZBW's failure to include the cricket scores in Sunday's 1.15 p.m. news bulletin?

Presumably, owing to the time element the newspapers were unable to carry any of the scores, but ZBW had plenty of opportunity to give them yesterday afternoon. We heard all about the English football promotions and relegations (most of which were already known) and the Rugby League final (for which there is but a limited interest in Hongkong) but about the touring Australians at Leicester and the other first-class cricket games which started on Saturday, nary a word.

This means that cricket enthusiasts have had to wait until this morning to know what happened in the English cricket world two days earlier—a very poor public service, I think most people will agree.

CRICKETER.

Labour's Slogan

Derby, May 2.—The Labour Government has already started preparations for the next general election, to be fought in 1950, Mr. P. J. Noel-Baker, the Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, stated at a May Day demonstration here today.

It will be contested on the record of the Conservative Party (the present Opposition) after World War I compared with that of the Labour Party after World War II, the Minister said.

"If you do not remember what happened between the wars, ask your dad—and let us make that our slogan," Mr. Noel-Baker added.—Reuter.

U.S. Faces Big Strike Threat

Chicago, May 2.—Federal mediators will plunge tomorrow into a new week of talks in the impending national railroad strike, while the CIO packing-house strikers face a threat from Wilson & Company to return or forfeit their jobs.

Wilson—one of the big four meat packers—warned the strikers to return to work at Chicago and Mid-West plants by Monday or be "replaced."

Two weeks ago, Armour & Company invited the strikers to return—without the threat of replacement—in a move that touched off a wave of pickline clashes.

FRUITLESS PARLEYS

Frank P. Douglas, chairman of the National Railway Mediation Board, has scheduled another meeting with railroad representatives here on Monday after a series of separate and fruitless conferences with the carriers and railroad Brotherhoods last week.

In Detroit, the CIO United Auto Workers Union and the Chrysler Corporation were scheduled to continue negotiations on Monday in the wage dispute that caused the big union to set the strike date at May 12 for 75,000 Chrysler production workers.

The six-week-old packing house strike was further darkened by an announcement of the CIO stock handlers that they would meet on Tuesday to consider the wage strike. Elsewhere, work stoppages continued among brewery workers at Milwaukee, construction workers at Buffalo, N. Y. and foundry workers at Chicago.—United Press.

"Protection" For U.S. Businessmen

Washington, May 2.—The U.S. government is seeking by treaty to give American business in foreign countries greater protection against nationalisation of industry, a State Department official said.

Mr. William L. Thorp, Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, said this was one of several points in the treaty of friendship, commerce and navigation signed with Italy last February.

Thorp was the first witness before a Senate Foreign Affairs subcommittee which opened hearings on the treaty, up for Senate approval.

AIMS OF TREATY

The U.S. government is giving more and more attention to protecting U.S. business abroad, he said, "in view of the obvious trend in many parts of the world toward nationalisation of industry."

Mr. Thorp said clauses in the Italian treaty are designed to:

Insure American nationals the same treatment country gives to its own people and corporation.

Prevent foreigners from being singled out for unfavourable treatment in case of a nationalisation programme.

Guard American investors in Italy from unfair competition from a state owned business or enterprise.

Provide that "special favours granted by one country to its publicly controlled business enterprises shall be extended also to the private enterprises of the other" in cases where they are in competition.—Associated Press.

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